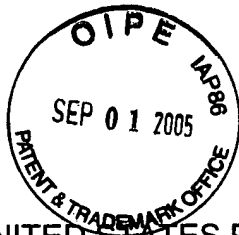


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In response to the final Office Action dated March 31, 2005, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Claims 6-10 and 12-13 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims of the application are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.